

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #78-4 Building Date: 20th century

Building Name: Berry's Grove

Location: 3001 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Public/Landfill/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The house at Berry's Grove has recently been destroyed; only a clear space bounded by a few old trees marks its location. The large and unusual barn stands a short distance west of the house site. It is a two-story L-shaped bank barn with several distinctive features. The siding is board-and-batten, and the barn rests on a neatly-coursed (non-local) stone foundation. The long north side is five-bays long. The east gable end is three-bays wide, with three large louvered windows; above the central window is a pointed arch louvered window with molded pointed-arch lintel. There is a three-bay south (rear) ell. The barn is built on a slope (down toward the south) so that one enters a lower level on the inside (south-east) corner formed by the main block and the ell. The roof is of tin, and is scalloped at the eaves. An open one-story shed extends from the south gable end. The lower level of the barn is composed of stalls for live-stock; the upper level, accessible by a door in the north facade, was used for storage, and even, possibly, for the hanging of tobacco. The structural components are all circular sawn, and appear to be fairly new.

Significance

The house at Berry's Grove was the site during much of the nineteenth century, of Roderick McGregor's farm, on parts of Alexandria and Groom's Lot, and known as Berry's Grove. The late nineteenth century farmhouse which stood in a grove of trees here has recently been destroyed, and the site has been cleared for use by Prince George's County. The only building still standing on this farm site is a large livestock barn which is probably unique in Prince George's County. Some of the features which make this early twentieth century barn unique are its pointed-arch louvered windows, and its dressed stone foundation. The site is presently being used as part of the County landfill and as a training site for the Police Canine Division.

Acreage: 261.75 acres

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Berry's Grove

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3001 Brown Station Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro

☐ vicinity of

congressional district 5

state

Md.

county

Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Prince George's County

street & number Lower Level CAB 108

telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro

state and zip code Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse

liber 746

street & number Main Street

folio 60

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974

☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale

state Md.

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☒ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered

☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates early 20th C.

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Notes

¹ Prince George's County Land Records JWB #4:631; JWB #19:524.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 261.75 ac.

Tax Map 83, parcel 123

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Sec. B

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate Sept. 1985street & number c/o County Planning MNCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rhoderick McGregor House

AND/OR COMMON

Rhoderick McGregor House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off Brown Station Road

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carr C. Barger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Brown Station Road

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an old frame farmhouse, that sits on a knoll south of Brown Station Road above Cabin Branch. The house is built in several parts. The main section is two stories in height, and faces south. It has old, random-width, clapboard siding, and the chimneys are enclosed in the end walls. A two-story ell extends from the NE end. It is similar in style to the main house. There are a number of old frame outbuildings on this working farm.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Deserves closer inspection. Was not seen closely at time of survey. Apparently, one of the older homes remaining in the area. Appears to have been owned by Rhoderick McGregor in 1878. This house was here before that period. The family is buried nearby at "Dunblane".

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Maps of 1861 & 1878.
- 2) Bowie, Effie Gwynn. ACROSS THE YEARS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S CO.
(1947), pp. 540.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10/9/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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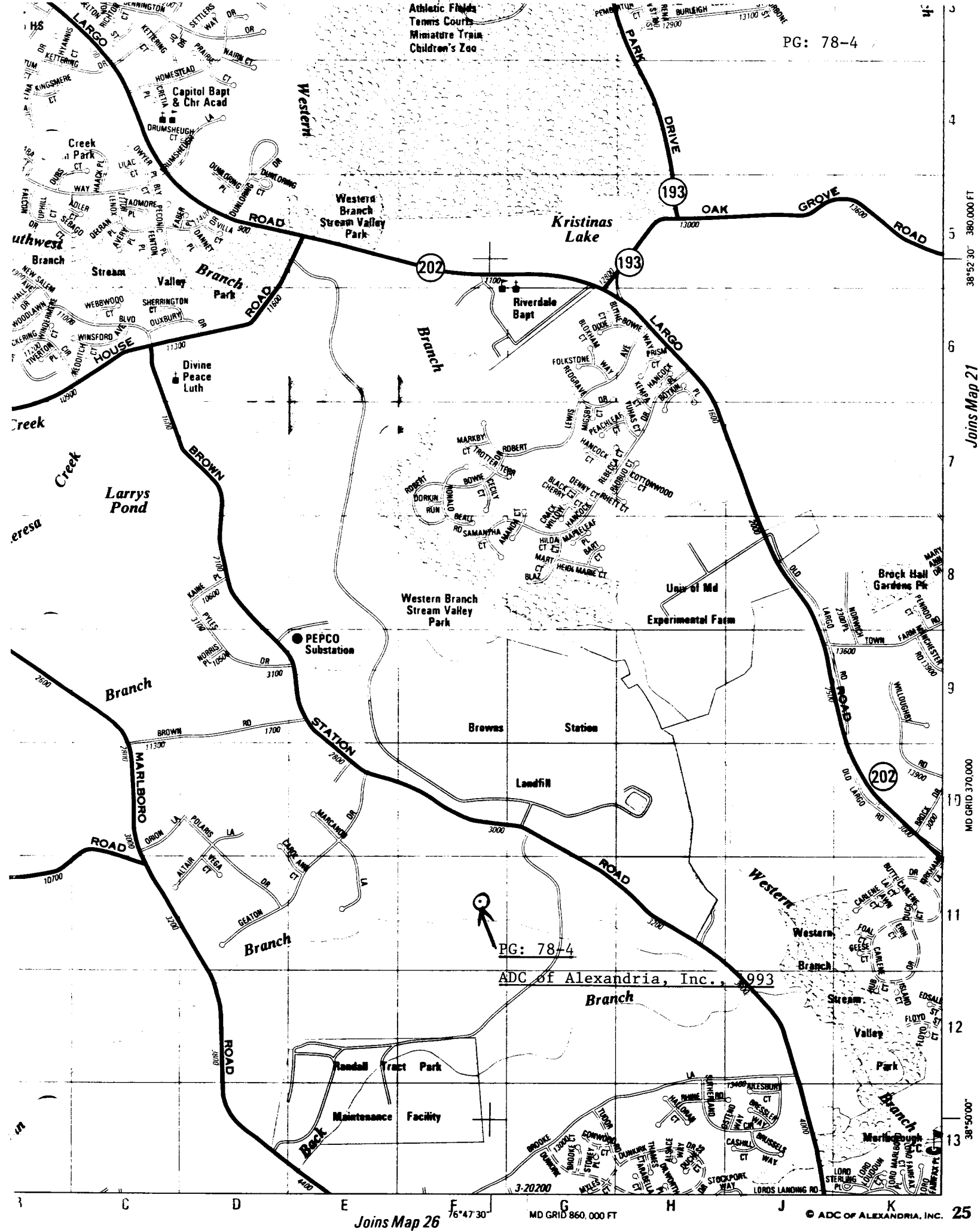
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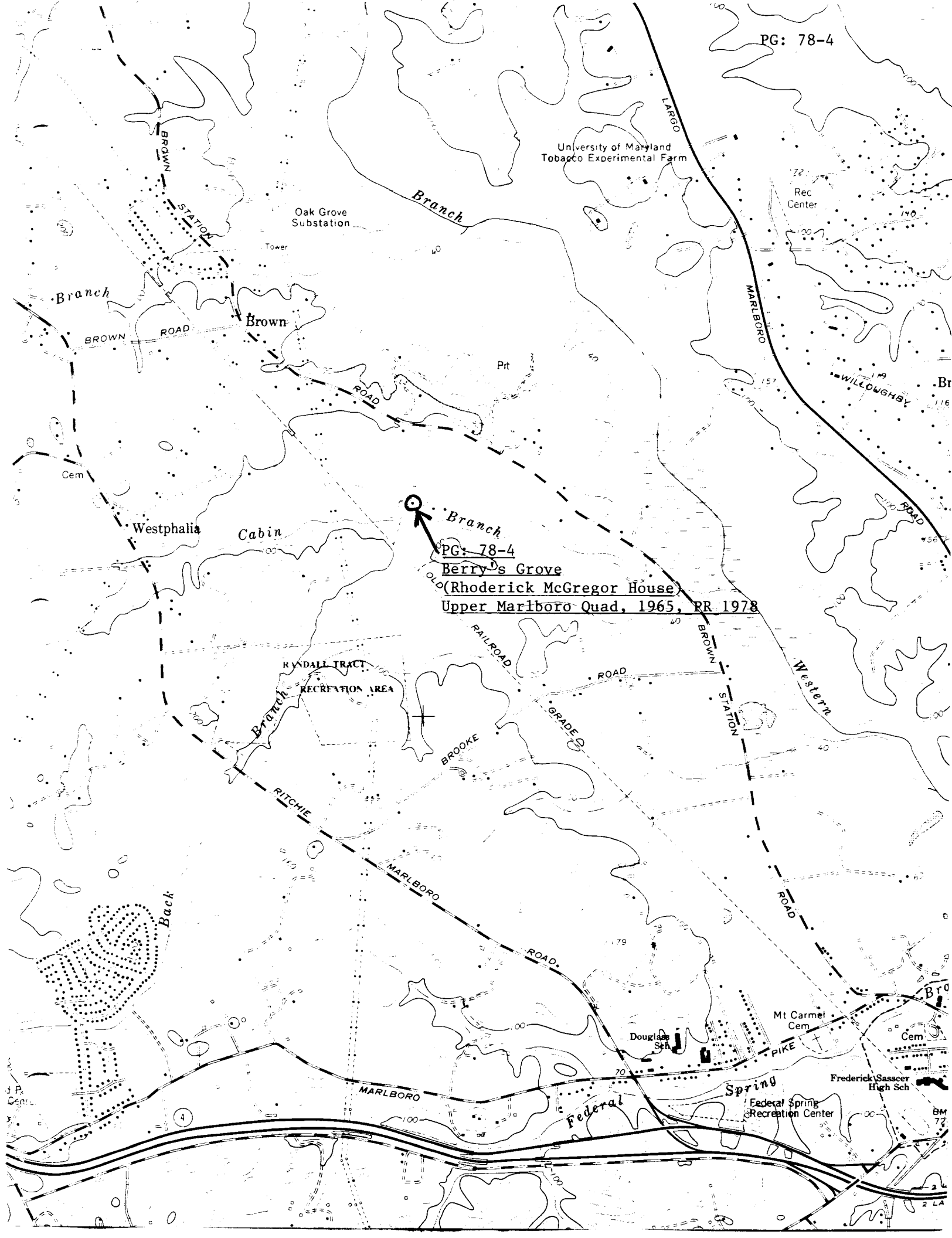
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Joins Map 21

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University of Maryland
Tobacco Experimental Farm

Oak Grove
Substation

Rec
Center

Branch

BROWN
ROAD

Brown

ROAD

Pit

MARLBORO

WILLOWHBY

Cem

Westphalia

Cabin



Branch

PG: 78-4

Berry's Grove

(Rhoderick McGregor House)

Upper Marlboro Quad, 1965, PR 1978

RANDALL TRACT
RECREATION AREA

BROOK

ROAD

GRADED

BROWN
STATION

Western

RITCHIE

MARLBORO

ROAD

Douglas
Sch

Mt Carmel
Cem

Cem

Frederick Sasser
High Sch

Spring

Federal Spring
Recreation Center

Federal

MARLBORO

J.P.
Cem

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2 LA



P.G. #78-4

Berry's Grove

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME RHODERICK M. MCGREGOR HOUSE PG:78-4

LOCATION BROWN STATION Rd UPPER MARLBORO, Md

FACADE N

PHOTO TAKEN 10/9/74 MDWYER



P.G.#78-4

Berry's Grove

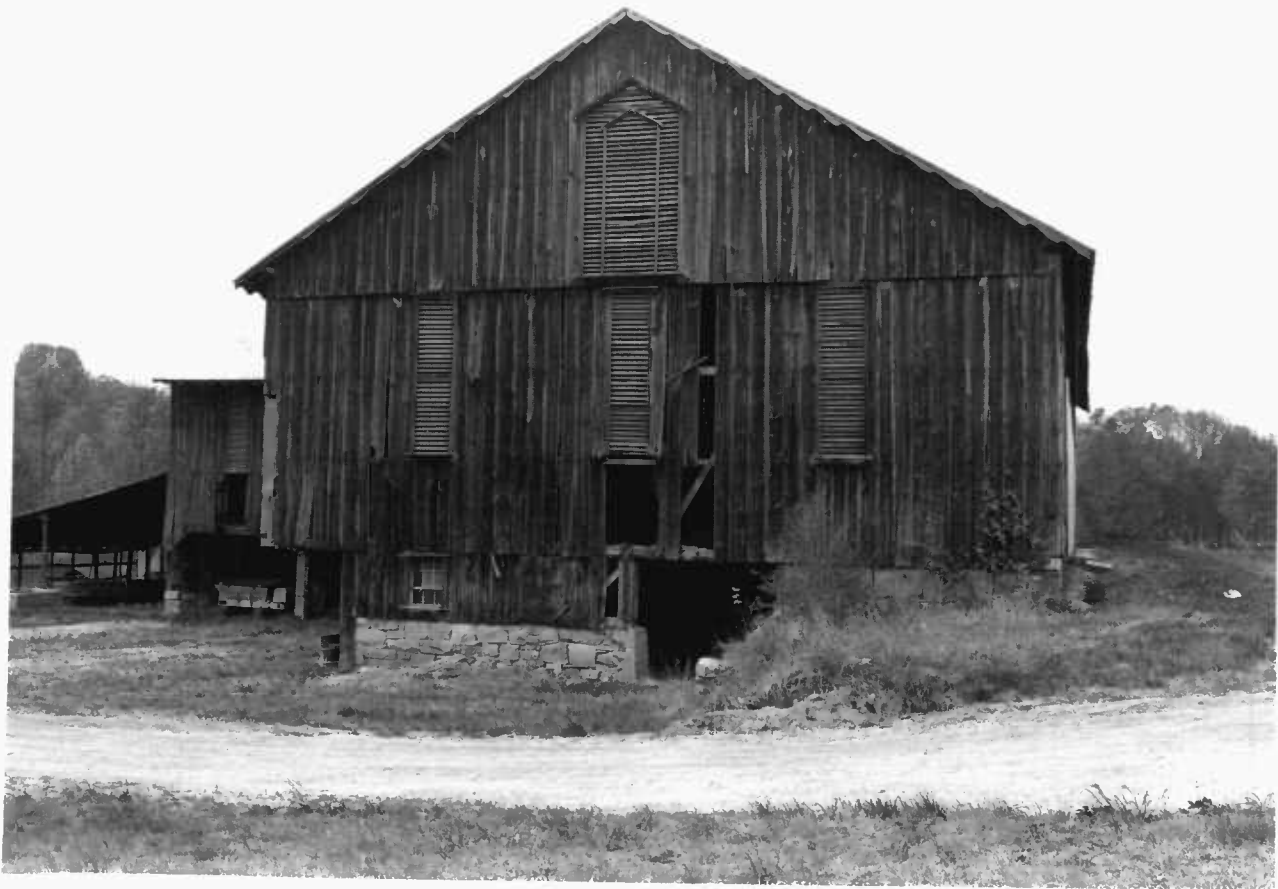
Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#78-4

Berry's Grove

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD